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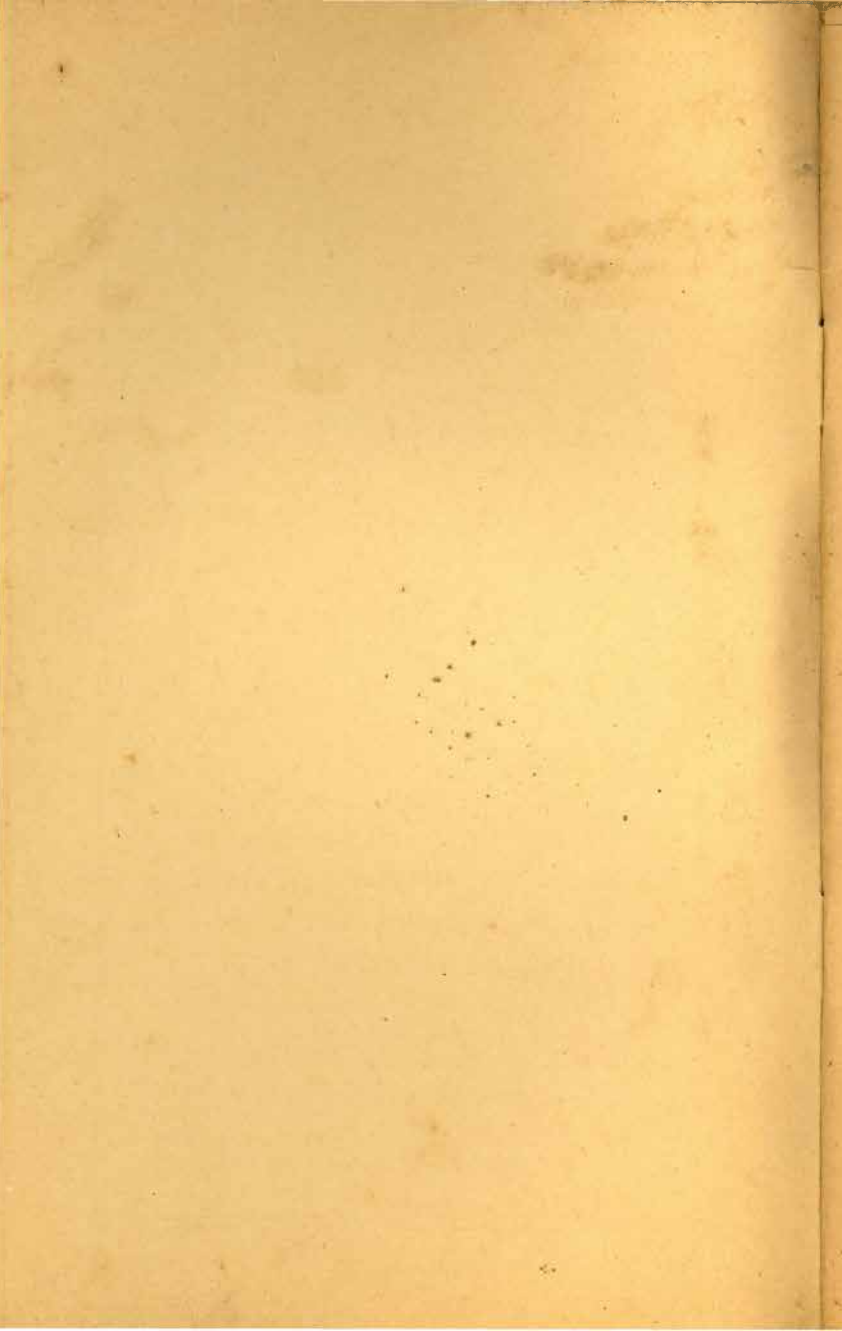
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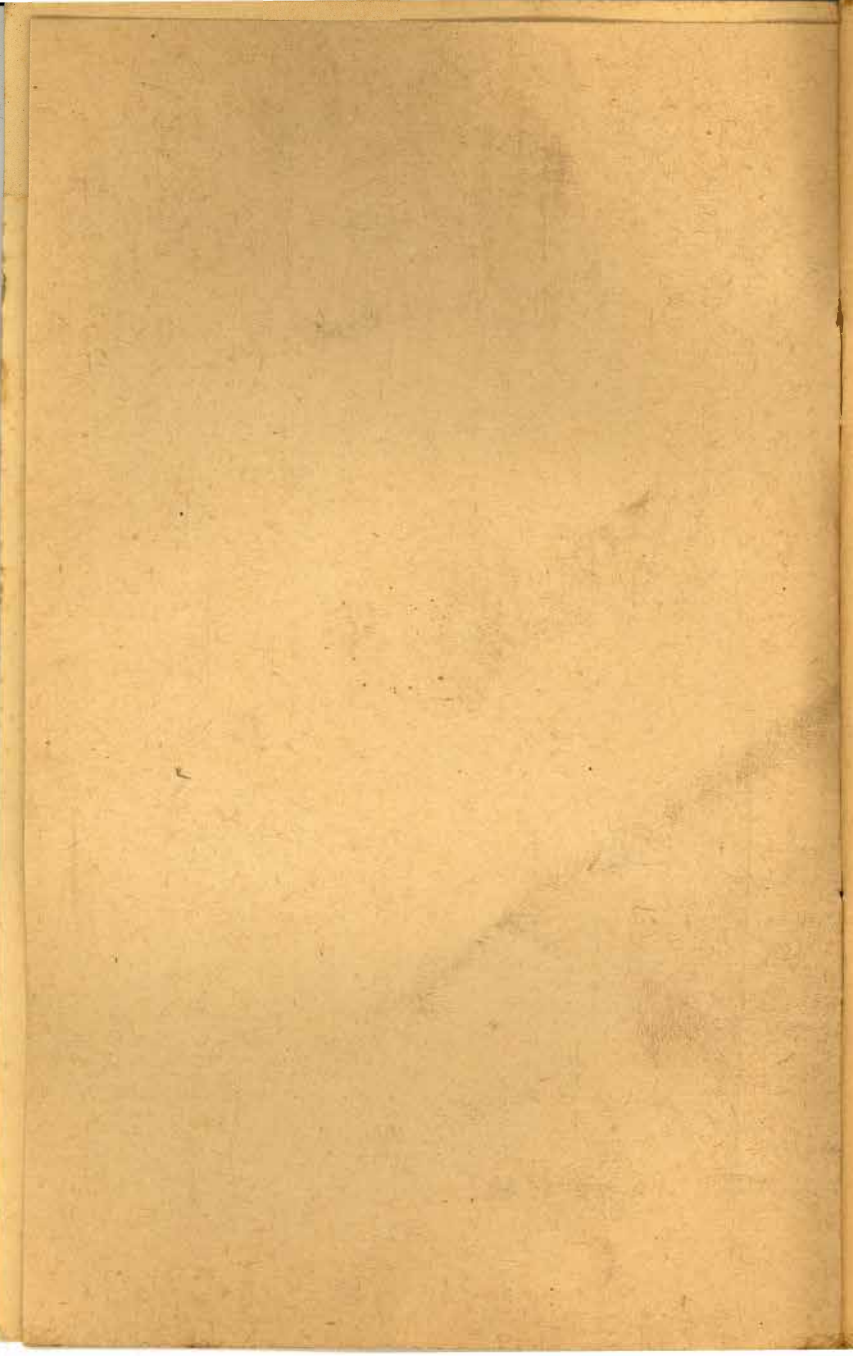
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FRIDAY MORNING

1. Friday morning, August 24, the delegates composing New Hope Association convened at the church and singing Zion's songs. Services were introduced by Elder Alex Stephens and prayer offered by Elder Sandy Phillips. Then came Elder F. F. Smith and preached an interesting sermon from the 3rd chapter of Exodus and 14th verse: "I am that I am."

2. After which the congregation and ministers of our faith moved from the house to the stand nearby in the cemetery for preaching while the business part of the Association moved on. A short exhortation made by Elder Leonard Arrowood and prayer by Elder F. F. Riggsby. Then the presiding Moderator took charge, who was Elder B. W. Craft. Then the Rules of Decorum were read by Elder Alex Stephens, clerk. The Moderator advised a strict compliance to same.

3. Appointed to keep order while the Association was in session, to-wit: Antie Moore and John Damron.

4. Appointed to see that the stand be occupied by ministers of our faith and order, to-wit: Bro. Jack Moore, Bro. Vernon Hall.

5. Moved to seat transient ministers of our faith to-wit: Elder J. T. Ferguson and Elder John Brown.

6. Called for letters and delegates that bear them from the several churches that compose New Hope Association. Letters read and received and messengers seated as New Hope:

1. Prestonsburg Church—Bro. James Harris, Bro. Theodore Holbrook were delegates

2. East Point Church—Elder John D. Music, Elder Paris Music, Bro. Clarence Price were delegates.

3. Little Rock Church—Bro. T. R. Prater, Bro. N. P. Holbrook, Bro. Bill Hale were delegates.

4. Chestnut Grove Church—Bro. Milt Holbrook, Bro. Dave Prater, Bro. Amander Manuel were delegates.

5. Little Ella Church—Elder Frank McGuire, Bro. Ollie Back, Bro. Palmer Scutchfield were delegates.

6. Easter Church—Elder F. F. Smith, Elder Woodford Tabor were delegates.

7. New Hope Church—Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Wm. Hall, Elder Alex Stephens were delegates.

8. Little Dove Church—Bro. Wm. Shepherd, Bro. Elige Porter were delegates.

9. Cynthia Ann Church—Elder Johnie King, Bro. Bee Compton, Bro. Sam Elkins were delegates.

10. Clear Creek Church—Bro. Wm. Boyd, Bro. Alfred Reynolds, Bro. Duran Hall were delegates.

11. Little Union Church—Elder Ernest Ward, Elder Dan Jacobs, Elder Everett Daniels were delegates.

12. New Life Church—Bro. Dave Conn, Bro. Jason Brown, Elder Burt T. Conn were delegates.

7. By voice of New Hope Association Elder B. W. Craft was chosen Moderator and Elder Johnie King Assistant, Elder Alex Stephens, Clerk, and Elder Wm. Boyd, Assistant for ensuing year.

8. Called for new churches and none responded.

9. Called for correspondent letters and messengers and received as follows:

Paint Union—Letter by the hands of Elder F. F. Riggsby, Elder J. H. Conley, Elder L. T. Preston. Letter read and messengers seated by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Tri-State Zion—Letter by the hands of Elder Leonard Walters, Elder Leonard Arrowood, Elder Lafe Preston. Letter read and received and messengers seated by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Mt. Zion—Letter by the hands of Elder Virgil Bailey, Elder Watson Ritchie. Letter read and received and messengers seated by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Iron Hill—Letter by the hands of Elder Alonzo Wright, Elder Sandy Phillips. Letter read and received and messengers seated by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Bethlehem—Letter by the hands of Elder Garfield Maynard, Elder Mose Marcum. Letter read and received and delegates seated by Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Blaine Union—Letter by the hands of Elder J. T. Bailey. Letter read and received by Moderator giving him the right hand of fellowship.

10. Moved we send letters and messengers to the above-named Associations and appoint brethren to write letters to same.

To Paint Union—Bro. Wm. Boyd.

To Tri-State Zion—Elder Paris Music.

To Mt. Zion—Elder Frank McGuire.

To Bethlehem—Elder Burt Conn.

To Blaine Union—Elder Johnie King.

To Iron Hill—Bro. T. R. Prater.

11. Appointed on Bill of Arrangements for tomorrow, it being Saturday, Aug. 25, 1945, to-wit: Elder Johnie King, Elder Wm. Hall, Elder Burt T. Conn, together with the moderator and clerk.

12. Moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow, Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUG. 25

1. The delegates composing New Hope Association assembled at the church as appointed and singing Zion's songs. A short exhortation by Elder Alonzo Wright and prayer by same.

2. Roll call and a quorum present.

3. Bill of Arrangements read and received and the committee discharged.

4. Correspondent letters called for, read and received and messengers appointed to bear them:

To Paint Union Association—Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Johnie King, Bro. Wm. Boyd when convened with Low Gap Church, Johnson county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the 3rd Saturday in September, 1945, and the two following days.

To Tri-State Zion—Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Paris Music, Elder Alex Stephens when convened with Buffalo Church, Johnson county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the 2nd Saturday in September, 1945, and the two following days.

To Iron Hill—Elder Johnie King, Elder F. F. Smith, Bro. Wm. Boyd when convened with Poles Run Church, Ross County, Ohio, to commence on Friday before the 2nd Saturday in September, 1945, and the two following days.

To Mt. Zion—Elder Ernest Ward, Elder Dan Jacobs, Elder Everett Daniels when convened with the Montgomery Church, Knott county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the 1st Saturday in September, 1945, and the two following days.

To Bethlehem—Elder Johnie King, Bro. Wm. Boyd, Bro. Elige Porter when convened with the Creek-Eanon Church, R. 10, Lincoln county, W. Va., to commence on Friday before the 1st Saturday in September, 1945, and the two following days.

To Blaine Union—Elder Johnie King, Bro. Wm. Boyd, Elder Ernest Ward when convened with Open Fork Church, Morgan county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the 3rd Saturday in August, 1946, and the two following days.

5. Our next union meeting will be held with Little Union Church, Garrett, Floyd county, Ky., to commence on Friday evening before the 1st Saturday in July 1946, and the two following days, and Elders B. W. Craft, Elder Johnie King, Elder Alex Stephens shall attend same.

6. Our next conference meeting will be held with New Life Church, Banner, Floyd county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the 2nd Saturday in August, 1946, and the two following days, and Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Paris Music and Elder Alex Stephens shall attend same.

7. Report of our last conference held with Easter

Church, Jeffersonville, Montgomery county, which convened on Friday before the third Saturday in July and the two following days, at which time and place it was unanimously agreed by the delegates that Easter Church shall have our next Association to begin on Friday before the 4th Saturday in August, 1946, and the two following days.

8. By request of Little Dove Church, Dwale, Floyd county, Ky., that the meeting at their church be the 2nd Saturday and Sunday in each month.

And also be it known that Bro. Jake Holbrook, on account of his old father, R. D. Holbrook, the 90-year-old preacher, donated \$1.00 for this item for Little Rock Church.

9. By voice of the delegates composing New Hope Association, Elder B. W. Craft will preach the introductory sermon at our next Association and Elder Johnie King will be his alternate.

10. Treasurer Elder Alex Stephens reports on hand:
 From last year\$30.50
 Received contributions\$43.35

Total\$75.85

11. Moved and second we have 500 copies of minutes of present Association printed, and also 200 letters printed and authorize the clerk to superintend same and distribute same to the churches.

12. By voice of delegates for preaching tomorrow, it being Sunday, Aug. 26, 1945; Elder L. T. Preston introduce, Elder Alonzo Wright preach, Elder Sandy Phillips preach.

13. We tender our thanks to the Clear Creek Church for kindness and hospitality given the delegates of New Hope Churches and correspondent messengers. We want to thank the whole vicinity and the Law and we praise the good brethren for the wonderful messages that were sent by the Lord on the stand.

14. At which time the clerk, Alex Stephens, read the

DORA SHEPHERD HORN

Born April 23, 1867, deceased Dec. 20, 1944, 77 years old. Married to Sam Horn in March, 1887. Born to this union were eight children: Tom, William, Albert, John, Malc, Ben, Mary Jane and Martha, all of West Prestonsburg; also several grandchildren. Sister Horn was a faithful church member for 40 years in the United Baptist Church.

Written by her Husband

MOSES RICE

It is with much sadness that we try to write a short obituary of Moses Rice. He was born Feb. 18, 1851, died Oct. 6, 1944, aged 73 years, seven months and 24 days. He was married to Sarah Sturgill in 1874. To this union were born five children; three preceded him in death, which left Bro. Sam and Lonzo to mourn their loss. He joined the United Baptist Church and was baptized by Bro. Sam, his son, when he was 75 years old, on the second Saturday in July, 1925. He lived faithful and always filled his seat at church and went to church when he had to be hauled in a sled. We miss him at the old church and his home. He was loved by his many friends and relatives. He believed in the doctrine of salvation by grace. We trust that his grandchildren will strive to meet him in the city of the blessed. Written by

ELDER BERT CONN

ELDER JOHNIE KING

TOM BURCHFIELD

With a sad and lonesome heart I try to write a sketch of the life of my dear husband, Tom Burchfield. He was a dear husband and was loved by all who knew him. He was long a devout church member. His membership was with the Prestonsburg Church of United Baptists. He is greatly missed by us all, but not forgotten.

Written by his Wife

RHODA SKEANS

With sad hearts we try to write the life of dear mother Rhoda Skeans. She was born Feb. 15, 1870, deceased April 24, 1945, aged 75 years, two months and eight days. She joined the United Baptist Church several years ago and lived a devoted Christian life. Her husband, George Skeans, and son, Bill Skeans, preceded her in death several years ago. But mother always told us children she was going to live with father and son and all the children of God where there would be no more separation. Mother last attended her church at West Prestonsburg on the 4th Saturday and Sunday in March, 1945. Her rejoicing these two days that close to death will never be forgotten by her brothers and sisters. Children: Taylor Skeans, Jonathan Skeans, Mrs. Julia Potter, Mrs. Mary Ousley, Mrs. Eliza Blackburn, Mrs. Minerva Reffett, Mrs. Lizzie Wright, Mrs. Aggie Hayes, all living. Now dear brothers and sisters, let's live here on earth so when this life is over we can meet father, mother and brothers in the great beyond.

THE FAMILY

SISTER WILLIE ALLEN

With sadness of heart I write a sketch of our dear sister, Willie Allen, in Christ, who departed this life May 31, 1945. She was 81 years old. In her last days she would say, "Tell my children to live right, then they can die right, so they can meet mother and that I am going home to die no more." And that is what she would say over and over.

Oh, Lord, look down from heaven with view,
See what a good mother has gone through;
She has paid the debt we all have to pay,
And now she lies beneath the clay.

Her favorite song was, "O, Sing to Me of Heaven."
Her loss was heaven's gain. Let us hope to meet her again.

MRS. JAMES HALE
West Prestonsburg

WILLIAM HENDERSON RICHARDSON

William Henderson Richardson and Ella Shepherd married June 14, 1894. Births: W. H. Richardson, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1874; Ella Richardson, March 5, 1872. Children: Elzie Richardson, Thursday, March 7, 1895; Oscar Richardson, Thursday, May 12, 1898; Lessie Richardson, Friday, Jan. 19, 1900; Johnnie Richardson, March 6, 1906; Sula Richardson, May 31, 1912; Amos Richardson (deceased) Jan. 2, 1914; Albert Richardson, (twins) Jan. 2, 1914; Adam Oliver Richardson, Dec. 27, 1915.

W. H. Richardson was baptized by Elder B. W. Craft and Elder Alex Stephens Nov. 1, 1944. Died Dec. 10, 1944. Funeral by Elder Alex Stephens, Dec. 11, 1944. Dear children, prepare to meet father again some day. A true and loving father from us is gone, but we love him still, and never to be forgotten while here on earth we live.

(Son) OSCAR

THOMAS B. SCALF

It is with a sad heart that I try to write the obituary of one that was so dear, to-wit: my husband, Thomas B. Scalf, who was born March 10, 1894, and died Oct. 2, 1944; was married Dec. 25, 1917 and to this union was born one daughter, Evelyn, and on Nev. 22, 1919 he was injured in the mines which left him a cripple for the rest of his life which was 25 years and 10 days. On Easter Sunday 1920 he was carried to the water in a sheet and was buried in baptism in which he had lived a faithful Christian life until God saw fit to call his dear, broken body home where he will never suffer any more, which I had to see him do so much. He has gone to that mansion he has read and talked to me so much about. He is not only missed at home but I believe all his brothers and sisters in the church miss him. He was a deacon and clerk of New Life Church where he was a member, also the treasurer. So many times when he would not be able to go to the church-house his good brothers would come to our little home

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE

NAMES OF CHURCHES	DELEGATES
Prestonsburg	Bro. Jim Harris, Bro German Miller, Bro. Theodore Holbrook
East Point.....	Elder Paris Music, Bro. Clarence Price, Elder J. D. Music.....
Chestnut Grove..	Bro. Mander Manuel, Bro. Milt Holbrook, Bro. Dave Prater.....
Little Union.....	Elder Ernest Ward, Elder Dan Jacobs, Elder Everett Daniels.....
Little Rock.....	Bro. N. P. Holbrook, Bro. Bill Hale, Bro. T. R. Prater.....
New Hope.....	Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Alex Stephens, Elder Wm. Hall
Little Dove.....	Bro. Wm. Shepherd, Bro. Elige Porter, Elder Frank McGuire, Bro. Ollie Back,
Little Ella.....	Bro. Palmer Scutchfield.....
New Life.....	Elder Burt T. Conn, Bro. Jason Brown,
Cynthia Ann.....	Bro. Dave Conn.....
Clear Creek.....	Elder Johnie King, Bro. Sam Elkins, Bro. Bee Compton.....
Easter	Bro. Wm. Boyd, Bro. Duran Hall, Bro. Alford Reynolds.....
Elder F. F. Smith, Elder Woodford Tabor	
	Totals

NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION

	Baptized	By Letter	Received	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total	Meeting Time	Foot Washing Time
.....			1		2	5	5	104	4th Sat., Sunday	4th Sun., July
.....			2					40	2nd Sat., Sunday	2nd Sun., Aug.
.....								11 4	4th Sat., Sunday	4th Sun., June
.....			2			2		22	1st Sat., Sunday	1 stSun., July
.....	3			3	1			70	2nd Sat., Sunday	2nd Sun., July
.....	1			2		2	1	54	1 stSat., Sunday	1 stSun., Aug.
.....	1	4					1	45	2nd Sat., Sunday	2nd Sun., June
.....	2				2	4		38	3rd Sat., Sunday	3rd Sun., July
.....	3				2		4	76	2nd Sat., Sunday	2nd Sun., Aug.
.....	2						1	34	3rd Sat., Sunday	3rd Sun., July
.....	3		1					45	4th Sat., Sunday	4th Sun., June
labor.....	2		1		2		1	3	2nd Sat., Sunday	2nd Sun., July
.....	15	6	6	6	7	15	1	55		

and have the meeting. He always loved to feed the church people. He would always say, "Lilly, fix the best we have got, that's all we have got to live for." He would say, "We have not got much of this world's goods, but I do know we have got friends, and for that I am thankful." He is not dead but only sleeping, waiting for the sweet resurrection when he will come forth with a perfect body likened to Christ's own body, then he won't need a wheel-chair or have to be cared for like a baby. He told me before he died that he would not get well. He said, "Looks like I have been at death's door so many times but God has been good to me and let me stay all these many years, but this time I will have to go," and he told me who he wanted to preach his funeral and said, "When I am gone I want you to go to all the good meetings, you have missed so much on my account and I want to say to Evelyn and George, if you ever see your daddy again you will have to be born again and follow in his footsteps." I have heard him pray so much for you both. As I sit on my porch I can see the little mound where he is sleeping, waiting the redemption of his body that won't be a cripple, as I have heard him sing, He will heal the crippled and give sight to the blind and teach our children how to walk. He will raise up the dead that is sleeping underground and send them home to God.

Written by his broken-hearted wife,

LILLY SCALF

ELDER S. G. RICE

It is with much sadness that we try to write the obituary of our dear Elder and brother in the Lord, S. G. Rice. He was born April 24, 1878, died March 19, 1945, aged 66 years, 10 months, 29 days. Was married to Sallie Sturgill, and to them were born eight children; four preceded him in death and those living are Elmer, Lucerne, Ola and Olgie. After the death of his first wife he was married to Cretie Boyd and to them

were born six children: Shirley and Willie, Annie, Madge and Georgia and Sina. Annie preceded him to death. All three boys are in the service of their country. Brother Sam joined the United Baptist Church April the second Saturday, 1913 and was ordained to preach October second Saturday, 1916. He was always faithful to the charge. He went night and day when called on. He had the care of three churches when he had to leave us. The time I talked with him he said he didn't fear to go if he could just see his boys again. But it couldn't be—he had to go. Brother Sam and I preached together and always got along like brethren should. He was one of our best preachers and was loved by all his brothers and sisters. We miss him at his home and at church. We know that his dear wife and children miss him. He had the pleasure of seeing Olvie come to the old church. We know she will meet him, and to the rest of his children, if you see your father again you will have to take your father's advice. You don't know how many times I have heard Brother Sam pray for you. Brother Sam isn't dead but just sleeping till God will wake the dead. I don't have any doubts about him because he bore the fruits and the Bible says by their fruits you shall know them. Sister Cretie and children, don't weep. When this short life is over we shall meet Brother Sam again. It is with much grief that we write this.

ELDER BERTEE CONN
ELDER JOHNIE KING

MAHALEY JONES

It is with a sad and broken heart I try to write a short sketch of a loving mother, Mahaley Jones. She was born Jan. 19, 1873, deceased Dec. 30, 1944. She was married to John H. Jones in 1889 and to this union were born nine children, five girls and four boys. One preceded her in death. Father departed this life in 1931. Mother joined the Regular Baptist Church in 1901. She was a faithful member and was loved by all

who knew her. In 1904 she was taken into the United Baptist Church on recommendation on account of being more convenient for her to attend church. She said she could see no difference in their doctrine. Mother always liked to attend church. Mother being afflicted for several years before she died she didn't attend church as often as she wished. She moved to Ohio in 1925. She still held her fellowship at Clear Creek Church, Fed, Ky. I am afflicted and could not be with mother during her last days on earth. When she passed away they brought her to my house and kept her with me three nights. Her funeral was preached here at my house by Charley Holbrook and Tom Smith. Oh, how I miss mother coming to see me. She always looked back at me as she went out the door. She always told us children not to grieve after her. All she hated to die for, she hated to leave her children. I feel she is resting in heaven where there is no pain nor sorrow. I am trusting in God I will meet her in heaven. She would always counsel us children to do the right thing. There are many good things I could say about mother. As this obituary is getting too long I will close. Written by her daughter,

MARTHA JANE FRASURE

Chillicothe, O., R.F.D No. 2

BANKS WALLEN

Born March 29, 1870, deceased Feb. 24, 1945. Brother Banks joined the United Baptist Church Feb. 22, 1942 and lived faithful to the order of the old church, never missed a church meeting as long as he was able to attend. Bro. Banks was loved by all who knew him. He leaves a dear wife, Sister Belle Wallen, and children to mourn his absence but with sure faith we can meet again where troubles will be no more. Written by his wife,

BELLE WALLEN

MILLARD PRATER

Millard Prater, born May 26, 1887, aged 56 years, four

months and 25 days; died Oct. 21, 1943; father of 11 children, (three preceded him in death), and 18 grandchildren. He had been blind 36 years and before passing he called in his neighbors to pray with him and in his last moments he told his folks he could see Jesus. He said he had a better home to go to.

First brother, Cleveland Adams; second, B. W. Craft; third, Alex Stephens; fourth, Hargis Conley.

Written by a sad Wife

WILL CONN

By request I will attempt to write a short sketch of the life of my dear, loving brother, Will Conn, who has gone to live with Jesus. He told me there was nothing in his way. He was born March 19, 1869 and departed this life Oct. 21, 1944. He was 75 years, seven months and two days old. He was a son of Sill Conn and Charity Conn and was married to Martha Taylor Nov. 28, 1894. To this union were born seven children, six boys and one daughter. One preceded him in infancy, leaving his good companion six children, three brothers and one sister and a host of grandchildren and friends to mourn his loss. Bro. Will joined the old United Baptist Church about the year 1914 and always filled his seat until physically unable. For several years he was unable to attend his meetings, at last the dreadful disease seized him so severe. His loved ones gathered around his bed to minister to his needs. His dear old heart-broken companion, who stood over him day and night, was ready every call to soothe his pain. Oh, how sad when I saw her lay her hand upon his dying brow and said, I have done all I can. I knew he must soon answer the great summons from on high, where the bright, dazzling light will never fade away that I saw shining on the foot of his bed in his departing moments.

He is missed by all his friends and neighbors, he was always so kind to everybody, and always delighted to

have someone come to his home and talk to him on the Bible and about his home over yonder. He never let any one leave his home hungry near meal time.

Brother was very patient during his suffering and called for his preaching brethren to come to his home and have meeting for him a short time before he passed away. Oh, the old home is so lonesome to me when I go there and his dear old companion is so lonesome. I often see the tears trickling down her face and I heard her say she wished her departure of this life would come soon. I feel in the sweet by and by I will see Brother Will again in a land of everlasting joy, where brother will not be worrying about his dear boy in the army. He watched the door so patiently for him to come just before he passed away.

Children, I will now say to you, he is watching a greater door now for you to come, and if you ever see father again you must be born again, not of a corruptible seed but incorruptible. I believe brother is resting in the paradise of God with his father and mother and the rest of the family, awaiting the great trumpet to sound that awakes the sleeping dust, when Jesus comes in the cloud of glory to gather His elect home.

Oh, what a happy meeting there will be when we take our flight on wings of love to meet Jesus in the air when the song starts that never ends, and to hear the voice of Jesus, "Fly open wide we everlasting gates and let my bride come in."

I will say again to the children, if you want to be one in that number and expect to see father again, you must fall out with sin and join with the free offered mercies of God before it is finally and everlastingly too late.

Written by his brother,

MELVIN CONN

PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon our

profession of faith in Jesus Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve, maintain and keep the rules and orders of an association, according to the following plan or form of government.

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches, and duly sent to represent in the Association who shall be members whom they think best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their full fellowship, their baptized, restored, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on the internal rights of any church in the union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of members present.

Art. 6. New churches shall be admitted into our union, who shall petition by letter and delegate, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn

by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association.

Art. 11. The churches shall send money by the delegates of each church to pay for printing the minutes of the Association.

Art. 12. There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed for that purpose.

Art. 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments to this form or plan of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union when they deem it necessary.

Art. 15. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority, except receiving new churches and corresponding with other Associations, which shall be done by an unanimous vote.

Art. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches; 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves at the Association; 5. To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they may think necessary; 6. To withdraw from any church in the union who shall violate the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles or religion; 7. To admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us in the Association; 8. To adjourn to any future time and place most convenient to the church or union; 9. No minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by a church, and it shall require two or more Ordained Ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech, except by the Moderator, till he is done speaking, and shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken before him or make any remarks on his slips and failures and imperfections, but shall verily state the cause and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light and idea.

Art. 5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in time of public speech.

Art. 8. No member of the Association shall address another by any title or appellation other than that of brother.

Art. 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member till he gives his idea upon the subject, except he breaks the rules of decorum.

Art. 10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no voice unless the Association be evenly divided.

Art. 12. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as it may think proper.

Art. 13. But three members shall take a seat in the Association from each church.

Art. 14. The rules of decorum shall be read by the clerk at the commencement of every association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the churches of Jesus Christ of United Baptists, are constituted on the following faith, viz:

Art. 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Creator of the heaven and the earth and all things therein contained.

Art. 2. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is Head and King of His Church.

Art. 3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Sealer and Applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

Art. 4. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

Art. 5. We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the infallible word of God, take it for our only rule of faith and practice, and nothing is to be added or taken from it.

Art. 6. We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ and that He tasted death for every man and woman upon the terms of the gospel.

Art. 7. We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are necessary previous to baptism and that immersion is the only right way to administer the ordinance.

Art. 8. We believe that Christ has but one true gospel church and that it will finally persevere through grace to glory.

Art. 9. We believe in the communion of the Lord's Supper, that is, the taking of the bread and wine by the church of Jesus Christ in commemoration of the

death and suffering of the Son of God until His second coming.

Art. 10. We believe that feet washing is an ordinance of Jesus Christ and ought to be observed and kept up by His Church until His second coming.

Art. 11. We believe in the sum of the moral law as it stands on record in the Book of Exodus.

Art. 12. We believe that Jesus Christ is the first resurrection from the dead and that He lives forever.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

Art. 14. We believe in the final punishment of the wicked and the eternal happiness of the righteous

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES

Elder B. W. Craft.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Wm. Hall.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder R. D. Holbrook.....	Myrtle, Ky.
Elder Alex Stephens.....	West Prestonsburg, Ky.
Elder A. B. Dixon.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Andy Stephens.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Frank McGuire.....	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder Harris Hackworth.....	Bonanza, Ky.
Elder F. F. Smith.....	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder John D. Music.....	East Point, Ky.
Elder Paris Music.....	Auxier, Ky.
Elder W. K. Bayes.....	Emma, Ky.
Elder S. J. Johnson.....	Auxier, Ky.
Elder Ollie Walters.....	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder Ernest Ward.....	Garrett, Ky.
Elder Johnie King.....	Harold, Ky.
Elder Ira Fields.....	Allen, Ky.
Elder Jim Fields.....	Allen, Ky.
Elder Dan Jacobs.....	Wayland, Ky.
Elder Everett Daniels.....	Garrett, Ky.
Elder Woodford Tabor.....	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder Burt T. Conn.....	Dana, Ky.